



Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 9

PART I

LISTED BUILDINGS

CHAPTER IV

ENFORCEMENT

39 Appeal against listed building enforcement notice.

- (1) A person having an interest in the building to which a listed building enforcement notice relates or a relevant occupier may appeal to the Secretary of State against the notice on any of the following grounds—
- (a) that the building is not of special architectural or historic interest;
 - ^{F1}(b) that the matters alleged to constitute a contravention of section 9(1) or (2) have not occurred;
 - (c) that those matters (if they occurred) do not constitute such a contravention]
 - (d) that works to the building were urgently necessary in the interests of safety or health or for the preservation of the building, that it was not practicable to secure safety or health or, as the case may be, the preservation of the building by works of repair or works for affording temporary support or shelter, and that the works carried out were limited to the minimum measures immediately necessary;
 - (e) that listed building consent ought to be granted for the works, or that any relevant condition of such consent which has been granted ought to be discharged, or different conditions substituted;
 - (f) that copies of the notice were not served as required by section 38(4);

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- (g) except in relation to such a requirement as is mentioned in section 38(2)(b) or (c), that the requirements of the notice exceed what is necessary for restoring the building to its condition before the works were carried out;
- (h) that the period specified in the notice as the period within which any step required by the notice is to be taken falls short of what should reasonably be allowed;
- (i) that the steps required by the notice for the purpose of restoring the character of the building to its former state would not serve that purpose;
- (j) that steps required to be taken by virtue of section 38(2)(b) exceed what is necessary to alleviate the effect of the works executed to the building;
- (k) that steps required to be taken by virtue of section 38(2)(c) exceed what is necessary to bring the building to the state in which it would have been if the terms and conditions of the listed building consent had been complied with.

^{F2}[(2) An appeal under this section shall be made ^{F3} . . . —

- (a) by giving written notice of the appeal to the Secretary of State before the date specified in the listed building enforcement notice as the date on which it is to take effect; or
 - (b) by sending such notice to him in a properly addressed and pre-paid letter posted to him at such time that, in the ordinary course of post, it would be delivered to him before that date^{F4}; or
 - (c) by sending such notice to him using electronic communications at such time that, in the ordinary course of transmission, it would be delivered to him before that date.]]
- (3) Where such an appeal is brought the listed building enforcement notice shall ^{F5}subject to any order under section 65(3A)] be of no effect pending the final determination or the withdrawal of the appeal.
- (4) A person who gives notice of appeal under this section shall submit to the Secretary of State, either when giving the notice or within such time as may be prescribed, a statement in writing—
- (a) specifying the grounds on which he is appealing against the listed building enforcement notice; and
 - (b) giving such further information as may be prescribed.
- (5) If, where more than one ground is specified in the statement, the appellant does not give information required under subsection (4)(b) in relation to each of those grounds within the prescribed time, the Secretary of State may determine the appeal without considering any ground as to which the appellant has failed to give such information within that time.
- (6) Where any person has appealed to the Secretary of State under this section against a notice, no person shall be entitled, in any other proceedings instituted after the making of the appeal, to claim that the notice was not duly served on the person who appealed.
- (7) In this section “relevant occupier” means a person who—
- (a) on the date on which the listed building enforcement notice is issued occupies the building to which the notice relates by virtue of a licence ^{F6} . . . ; and
 - (b) continues so to occupy the building when the appeal is brought.

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 39(1)(b)(c) substituted (2.1.1992) by [Planning and Compensation Act 1991 \(c. 34, SIF 123:1\)](#), s. 25, [Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 3\(2\)](#); S.I. 1991/2905, [art.3](#)
- F2** S. 39(2) substituted (2.1.1992) by [Planning and Compensation Act 1991 \(c. 34, SIF 123:1\)](#), s. 25, [Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 3\(3\)](#); S.I. 1991/2905, [art.3](#)
- F3** Word in s. 39(2) repealed (E.) (31.3.2003) by [The Town and Country Planning \(Electronic Communications\) \(England\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/956\)](#), [art. 7](#); and that same word repealed (W.) (1.1.2005) by [The Town and Country Planning \(Electronic Communications\) \(Wales\) \(No. 1\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/3156\)](#), [art. 7](#)
- F4** S. 39(2)(c) and preceding word inserted (E.) (31.3.2003) by [The Town and Country Planning \(Electronic Communications\) \(England\) Order 2003 \(S.I. 2003/956\)](#), [art. 7](#); and that same insertion made (W.) (1.1.2005) by [The Town and Country Planning \(Electronic Communications\) \(Wales\) \(No. 1\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/3156\)](#), [art. 7](#)
- F5** Words in s. 39(3) inserted (2.1.1992) by [Planning and Compensation Act 1991 \(c. 34, SIF 123:1\)](#), s. 25, [Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 3\(4\)](#); S.I. 1991/2905, [art.3](#)
- F6** Words in s. 39(7) repealed (2.1.1992) by [Planning and Compensation Act 1991 \(c. 34, SIF 123:1\)](#), ss. 25, 84(6), [Schs. 3 Pt. II para. 20](#), [19 Pt.I](#); S.I. 1991/2905, [art.3](#), [sch. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 39 applied (with modifications) by S.I. 1990/1519, [reg. 12](#), [Sch. 3](#)
- C2** S. 39 modified (W.) (30.4.2012) by [The Planning \(Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas\) \(Wales\) Regulations 2012 \(No. 793\)](#), [regs. 1, 16](#), [Sch. 3](#)
- C3** Ss. 32-50 applied in part (Isles of Scilly) (with modifications) (2.10.2013) by [The Town and Country Planning \(Isles of Scilly\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/2148\)](#), [arts. 1\(1\), 3](#), [Sch. 1](#) (with [art. 1\(2\)](#))
- C4** S. 39(1)–(5)(7) modified by S.I. 1990/1519, [reg. 13\(1\)](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 3(1A)(1B) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 105(2)
- s. 12(4A) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 16
- s. 16(2A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 102(3)
- s. 22(2A) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 18(2)
- s. 40(2A) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 19
- s. 49(1) s. 49 renumbered as s. 49(1) by 2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 127(b)
- s. 49(2) inserted by 2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 127(c)
- s. 54(8) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 104(2)(c)
- s. 55(2A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 104(3)(a)
- s. 55(5H)(5I) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 104(3)(f)
- s. 55(5BA) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 104(3)(d)
- s. 56A and cross-heading inserted by 2016 anaw 4 s. 31(1)
- s. 66(1A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 102(4)(a)
- s. 66(2A) inserted by 2023 c. 55 s. 102(4)(b)
- s. 66(5) inserted by 2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 136
- s. 82A(2)(ha) inserted by 2016 anaw 4 s. 31(2)
- s. 89(1ZA) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 22
- s. 93(5A) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 23(3)
- s. 93(5A) words inserted by 2013 c. 24 Sch. 17 para. 18(3)
- Sch. 3 para. 2(4A) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 24(2)
- Sch. 3 para. 2(9) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 24(3)
- Sch. 3 para. 3(4A)(4B) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 24(4)
- Sch. 3 para. 6(1A) inserted by 2008 c. 29 Sch. 10 para. 24(6)